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Washington—Today, U.S. Congressman Lloyd Doggett spoke in opposition to Republican efforts to repeal the health insurance reform law. Initial estimates from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimate that repealing health reform legislation would add \$230 billion to the deficit. Today, AARP

sent a letter to House leadership opposing repeal because of its detrimental effects on important improvements the law makes for older Americans— repeal would mean the end of free Medicare preventive care, forcing seniors to pay new fees for everything from cancer screenings, to diabetes testing and routine check-ups.

"For House Republicans, putting insurance companies first seems to be a pre-existing condition. This bill isn't repeal and replace, it is repeal and forget—forget the health care needs of millions of Americans, forget the hundreds of billions of dollars that they, with this repeal, add to our federal debt," said Rep. Doggett.